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Port Administration Receives Presidential “E-Star” Award for Exports

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The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) today received the Presidential “E Star” Award for excellence in export service during a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC with Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker. The President’s “E Star” Award was created in 1969 to recognize continued recognition of noteworthy export promotion efforts. The MPA was awarded this special distinction for having a marked increase in exports over the last few years. This marks the third time that the MPA has received presidential recognition for its exports. The MPA won the “E” award in 1964 and in 2007.

“I want to congratulate the Maryland Port Administration for receiving this tremendous honor,” said Governor Martin O’Malley. “Rising to the challenge of the National Export Initiative, exports through the Port of Baltimore’s public marine terminals have jumped nearly 23 percent in the past four years. This has helped the Port maintain its position as one of Maryland’s leading economic engines for thousands of good-paying, family-supporting jobs for more Maryland workers.”

From Fiscal Year 2010 through Fiscal Year 2013, exports of general cargo from the Port’s public marine terminals increased 22.6 percent. General cargo is represented by containers, autos, roll on/roll off (farm and construction machinery), and forest products (rolled paper and wood pulp). In addition, the total export cargo tonnage from the public terminals is 52.2 percent higher than when the MPA won the “E” Award in 2007. Since that time, exports have increased from 36.5 percent to 38.3 percent of the total amount of general cargo from the public terminals.

The mission of the MPA, which oversees the six public marine terminals of the Port of Baltimore, is to stimulate the flow of waterborne commerce through the State of Maryland in a manner that provides economic benefit to Maryland citizens. The MPA directly markets and promotes the Port of Baltimore, facilitates trade through the Port, and supports both public and private port facilities. The MPA was created in 1956 to modernize and promote the Port of Baltimore.

PROGRESSIVE RAIL ROADING

Maryland port earns 'presidential' award for export efforts

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The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) last week received the Presidential “E Star” Award for excellence in export service — the third time the administration has attained the honor.

Created in 1969, the award recognizes noteworthy efforts to promote exports. The MPA won the award for registering a marked increase in exports over the past few years.

From fiscal-year 2010 through FY2013, exports of general cargo from the Port of Baltimore’s public marine terminals increased 22.6 percent. General cargo includes containers, autos, farm and construction machinery, and forest products.

"I want to congratulate the Maryland Port Administration for receiving this tremendous honor," said Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley in a press release. "This has helped the port maintain its position as one of Maryland's leading economic engines."

The MPA oversees six public marine terminals in Baltimore, and markets and promotes the port, which is served by CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway and Canton Railroad Co

BALTIMORE SUN

Maryland port administration receives award for export performance

Recent increase in exports noted by Dept. of Commerce

By Kevin Rector, The Baltimore Sun

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The Maryland Port Administration received a federal award Wednesday for its success increasing exports out of the port of Baltimore's public terminals in recent years.

The President's "E Star" Award, given at a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce, honors "exporting excellence" by businesses or other agencies. In the past four years, exports have increased nearly 23 percent at the port of Baltimore's public terminals, which the port administration oversees.

"This has helped the Port maintain its position as one of Maryland's leading economic engines for thousands of good-paying, family-supporting jobs for more Maryland workers," said Gov. Martin O'Malley in a statement on the award.

Exports of general cargo — including goods in containers, automobiles, and farm and construction machinery — is up 22.6 percent from fiscal year 2010, port officials said. Total export cargo from the public terminals is up more than 52 percent since 2007, when the port administration won the federal government's similar "E" award for exports.

In the same time period, exports also increased as a percentage of all cargo, from 36.5 percent to 38.3 percent, the port administration said.

The port administration also received an "E" award in 1964.

These news outlets picked up the Sun story ~

WORLD NEWS

Hoyer Applauds Maryland Port Administration on Receiving "E" Star Award for Export Service

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WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today applauding the Maryland Port Administration on being honored with the "E Star Award for Export Service by the Obama Administration:

"I congratulate the Maryland Port Administration on being honored today during the President's 'E' Awards presentation, which is the highest recognition any U.S. business or organization can receive for significant contributions to increasing our nation's exports. The Port Administration has done an extraordinary job of keeping the Port of Baltimore competitive and preparing it for new business. One of the key components of the Make It In America jobs plan I'm leading in Congress is promoting the export of U.S. goods, and I am focused on investing in our transportation systems, including our nation's ports, so that more businesses can access markets and sell their products. I remain committed to working with the Port Administration, as well as federal, state, and local partners, to ensure that we continue to invest in the Port of Baltimore, which is critical to job creation and economic growth in our state.